GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegation of possession of disproportionate assets to the known sources of income against Sri KandulaTaviti Raju, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR now working in the O/o the District Panchayat Engineering Officer, Parvathipuram Manyam District – Arrested on 06.03.2020 by the ACB Authorities – Final Report of the Director General, ACB received – Further action dropped in the disproportionate assets case (i.e., criminal case) – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.230 **Dated:15.03.2024.**

Read the following:-

1) From the DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range, FAC VZM Range, Radio Message dt:06/07.03.2020.
2) Proceedings of the Engineer-In-Chief (PR), Vijayawada, No.Vig.1(1)/662/2020, dated:10.03.2020.
3) From the Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.22/RCA-VVZ/2020-S.12, Dated:04.11.2020 (Preliminary Report) & attachment of properties report dt:4.11.2020.
4) G.O.Ms.No.694 PR&RD(Vig.I)Dept., Dated:29.12.2020.
5) Memo.No.2043/Vig.I/2020-4 PR&RD(Vig.I)Dept.,Dt:14.02.2023.
6) From the Director General, ACB, AP., Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.022/RCA-VVZ/2020-S.12, Dated:11.07.2023.
7) Govt.Memo.No.2043/Vig.I/2020-5 PR&RD(Vig.I)Dept.,Dt:16.10.2023.
8) G.O.Rt.No.881 PR & RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt:14.12.2023.
9)Representation from Sri K.TavitiRaju,DEE., O/o District Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer,Parvathipuram, Manyam District dated:28.12.2023.

ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that a case in Crime No.03/RCA-ACB/VZM/2020 under Section 13(2) read with 13 (1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 was registered by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 05.03.2020 against Sri Kandula Taviti Raju, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR now working in the O/o the District Panchayat Engineering Officer, Parvathipuram Manyam District on the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income and taken up further investigation. He was placed under suspension by the Engineer-In-Chief (PR), Vijayawada w.e.f. 06.03.2020 i.e., from the date of his detention vide reference 2nd read above and subsequently he was reinstated into service without prejudice to the disciplinary/criminal cases pending against him vide reference 5th read above.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, ACB, Vijayawada has furnished preliminary report and also requested to authorize the Investigating Officer of the ACB, Vizianagaram Range of this case U/s 3 of Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944 (ordinance 38/1944) for attachment of properties acquired and is in possession of movable and immovable properties in his name and in the names of his dependent family members having worth of Rs.1,59,93,733/-.

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, after completion of investigation, has furnished final report and stated that the total income of the A.O. Sri Kandula Taviti Raju, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR now working in the O/o the District Panchayat Engineering Officer, Parvathipuram Manyam District during the check period (30.11.1999 to 06.03.2020) is Rs.2,68,31,815/-. The total expenditure of A.O. during the check period is

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Rs.1,93,99,546/- and the likely savings (i.e., income – expenditure) is Rs.74,32,269. Thus, the A.O. is found in possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income to the tune of Rs.49,61,124/-(i.e. total assets of Rs.1,23,93,393- total savings of Rs.74,32,269) and the percentage of disproportionate assets of A.O. is 18.48 % (D.Ax100/Income).He has further stated that as per the Govt.Memo.No.623/Spl.C/2008-2, General Administration (Spl.C) Department, Dated:15.10.2008, the margin of ten (10%) of the total income of the Accused Government Servant was enhanced to twenty (20%) percent, while computing the disproportionate assets. Hence, no prosecution is recommended against the Accused Officer.

4. The Director General, ACB has further reported that the Accused Officer failed to obtain permission for acquisition of all immovable properties assets in his name and his family members. Besides, the A.O. had not given intimation to the competent authority about the transactions pertaining to the movable assets purchased by him in his name and in the name of his wife. Further, the A.O. had not filed APRs from 1992-2020 within a stipulated time. He has therefore recommended to initiation of departmental action against the A.O. for the above, for violation of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Accordingly, the Govt. in the reference 8th read above framed article of charges under Rule-20 of APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991.

5. The Government,after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against Sri Kandula Taviti Raju, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR now working in the O/o the District Panchayat Engineering Officer, Parvathipuram Manyam District in the disproportionate assets case (i.e., Criminal case) since the Director General, ACB, Vijayawada has not recommended any prosecution against the Accused Officer.

6. Accordingly, Government, hereby drop further action against Sri Kandula Taviti Raju, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR now working in the O/o the District Panchayat Engineering Officer, Parvathipuram Manyam District in the disproportionate assets case (i.e., Criminal case) filed against him vide Crime No.03/RCA-ACB/VZM/2020, without prejudice to the Departmental proceedings against him.

7. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-In-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada.
The individual through Engineer-In-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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